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Former Putney Resident Dies At Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Robert A. Simmons, the former Ethel Pharis of Putney, passed away on May 10th in Washington, D. C. Growing to womanhood in the Putney community, she was the daughter of the late Charles Pharis and Mrs. Charlotte Pharis, now of Portland, Ore. Friends extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

The following clipping is from a Washington, D. C., newspaper:

"Funeral services for Mrs. Robert A. Simmons, 51, a Washington resident for 16 years, were to be held today in the Chambers funeral home, 517 Eleventh street S. E. Burial in Arlington cemetery.

"Mrs. Simmons died Wednesday night at Georgetown University hospital after an illness of two months. Her husband, a veteran of World War I, is a compositor with the Government Printing Office. They lived at 5532 Parkland Court S. E.

"The former Miss Ethel Virginia Pharis, was born in Decatur, Ill., and educated in Putney, S. D. She was a member of Royal Neighbors, a fraternal organization; Government Printing Post No. 33, American Legion Auxiliary, and Rebeccas Auxiliary, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

"Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Bobey Spencer and Mrs. Darden C. Eure, both of 1114 F street N. E., and three sons, Donald D. Simmons of the Parkland court address; Wayne A. Simmons, a Navy gunner's mate, stationed at Memphis, Tenn., and Robert L. Simmons, an Army corporal in the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Three sisters and two brothers also survive."